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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Takaaki INOUE, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1743**

Serial No.: **09/698,289**

Examiner: **Warden, Jill Alice**

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FOR: **AUTOMATIC SYNTHESIS MACHINE**

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**  
**--EXPEDITED PROCEDURE--**

**MAILSTOP: AF**

Commissioner for Patents

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May 3, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **February 23, 2004**, please amend the above-identified application as follows: